



**ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY  
NORTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT  
SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT  
JOINT GOVERNING BOARDS WORKSHOP MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

Board Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in person, by video conference, and telephonically.

Members Present: Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Board Chairman David Wilson, Board Members Richard Bookie, Karen Gueltzow, and Tony Sambol; South County Fire & Medical District Board Chairman Diane Price, Board Member Bill Becker; North County Fire & Medical District Board Members James Young

Members Absent: South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Members Jack Arend and John Crawford; North County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Member Russell Smith

Staff Present: Fire Chief Mark Burdick, Assistant Chief Mary Dalton, Assistant Chief Chris DeChant, Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Lee Miller, Administrative Director Dusty Christopherson

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Board Chairman Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

4. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action by the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority, the North County Fire & Medical District and the South County Fire & Medical District Relating to Directing Staff to Engage in Negotiations with the Buckeye Valley Fire District to Enter into the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) as a Partner Agency with the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority.

Assistant Chief Dalton noted that the purpose of this item is to provide the Governing Boards with an opportunity to discuss and consider directing staff to engage in negotiations with the Buckeye Valley Fire District.

**South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Chairman Price moved to authorize AFMA to negotiate such revisions to the JPA by and between North County Fire & Medical District, South County Fire & Medical District and the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority as may be necessary and appropriate to facilitate the Buckeye Valley Fire District joining the JPA. AFMA shall provide the partner districts with regular updates on the progress of these discussions. Board Clerk Gueltzow seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Gueltzow, Price  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Arend, Crawford

**North County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Member Sambol moved to authorize AFMA to negotiate such revisions to the JPA by and between North County Fire & Medical District, South County Fire & Medical District and the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority as may be necessary and appropriate to facilitate the Buckeye Valley Fire District joining the JPA. AFMA shall provide the partner districts with regular updates on the progress of these discussions. Board Chairman Wilson seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Bookie, Sambol, Wilson, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Smith

**Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Board Member Bookie moved that the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority authorize Chief Burdick and the AFMA Staff to negotiate such revisions to the existing JPA as may be necessary and appropriate to facilitate the Buckeye Valley Fire District joining into the JPA. Chief Burdick shall provide the Governing Board with regular updates on the progress of the discussions. The Board directs Chief Burdick to use his best efforts to have a final draft JPA that will include the Buckeye Valley Fire District as a participating member in AFMA on the agenda for AFMA’s December Board meeting.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Bookie, Gueltzow, Sambol, Wilson  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Crawford

**B. Discussion and Possible by the North County Fire & Medical District and the South County Fire & Medical District relating to Adoption of an Affidavit of Compliance for the 2022 General Election.**

Administrative Director Dusty Christopherson reported that per Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §16-311(B) all deadlines for filing candidate petitions or declaring as a write-in candidate have lapsed for the 2022 General Election. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors have certified the list of special districts who have qualified for alternate election procedures, which includes cancellation of the formal election for the North County Fire & Medical District and the South County Fire & Medical District and appointing of the declared candidates. Per ARS §16-229, the governing body of a special district as described in title 48 shall submit to the Board of Supervisors an affidavit certifying compliance with the applicable federal and state election laws not later than five days before the election.

**South County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Chairman Price moved to adopt an Affidavit of Compliance certifying that pursuant to ARS §16-229 all applicable Federal and State Election Laws for the district election held on November 8, 2022, have been met. Board Clerk Gueltzow seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Becker, Gueltzow, Price  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Arend, Crawford

**North County Fire & Medical District Governing Board Clerk Young moved to adopt an Affidavit of Compliance certifying that pursuant to ARS §16-229 all applicable Federal and State Election Laws for the district election held on November 8, 2022, have been met. Board Member Sambol seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**


AYES: Bookie, Sambol, Wilson, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Smith

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

  
John E Crawford (Nov 16, 2022 13:37 MST)

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John Crawford, Board Clerk

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